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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97, a listing of the references is provided on Forms PTO-1449/892. The application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/365,156, filed July 30, 1999. Each of the cited references was submitted in the prior art matter. Thus, a copy of the references cited on the above-referenced forms are not submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d).

While this Statement is submitted as a means to comply with 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97, it is not to be construed as an admission that the references identified on Forms PTO-1449/892 represent prior art to the present invention.

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